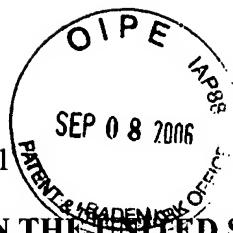


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PATENT

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Applicant : Teitelbaum et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/689,199  
Filed : October 20, 2003  
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CROSS LINKING  
Examiner : James L. Swiger III  
Group Art Unit : 3733

AMENDMENT

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 4, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.